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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXV-M5
to approve the Academic Calendar for Fall 2020

1. Motion presenter: Erin Sharp, on behalf of the Agenda Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 06/29/20, 07/13/20

3. **Rationale:** UNH is planning for on-campus instruction for the Fall 2020; however, we are still facing the COVID-19 pandemic. The Academic Reopening Committee has recommended adjusting the Academic Calendar for the Fall 2020 in order to mitigate potential COVID-19 infections on campus that could spike due to traveling and new social contact points associated with the Thanksgiving holiday. This change would also eliminate the need to conduct another round of COVID testing on students returning to campus after travel for the Thanksgiving holiday.

4. Motion:

The Faculty Senate approves the following academic calendar for the Fall 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- **August 31: Classes will start as scheduled;**
- **September 7: Labor Day, University Holiday (no classes);**
- **November 11: Veterans Day, University Holiday (no classes);**
- **October 12: Instructional day;**
- **Face-to-face classes will end on Friday, November 20;**
- **Remote learning will occur on Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24 with Thanksgiving break from Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27;**
- **Remote classes will resume on Monday, November 30;**
- **Last day of classes for semester will be Friday, December 11;**
- **Final exams will be conducted only online as scheduled from December 15 to December 22.**

All face-to-face course instruction will end on Friday, November 20, 2020 and move to remote learning starting Monday, November 23, 2020. This includes face-to-face courses scheduled during E-term II.

The Senate asks that residence halls remain open until at least 6 PM on Wednesday, November 25, and that the dining halls remain open through at least Wednesday, November 25 lunch to allow for undergraduate students to leave campus in a staggered approach.

Undergraduate and graduate student engagement in internships, clinical placements, and on-campus research will be allowed until the end of fall semester (December 22) as long as conditions allow.

The Faculty Senate requests that the Registrar's Office balance the calendar in order to make sure there are equal numbers of class sessions across M W F and T R courses.

This motion does not apply to UNH Law.

***Adoption of this motion by the Faculty Senate does not indicate Senate endorsement of all of the fall reopening plans**

5. Senate Action: The motion passed with 51 in favor, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Jones", written over a horizontal line.

6. Senate Chair's signature: _____

Forwarded to the following on September 9, 2020

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Kenneth Holmes, Senior Vice Provost for Student Life
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